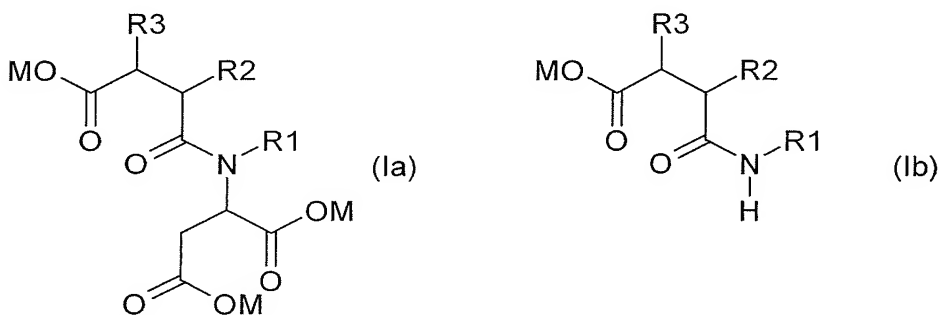


Amendments to the Claims

1. (Currently Amended) An aqueous colorant preparation consisting essentially of

(A) 0.1% to 50% by weight and of at least one colorant selected from the group consisting of an organic colorant, inorganic colorant or a mixture thereof,

(B) 0.1% to 30% by weight of at least one succinamate, wherein the at least one succinamate (B) is of the formula (Ia) or (Ib)



wherein

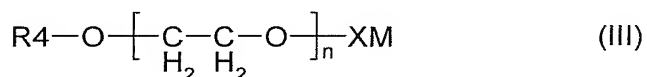
R<sup>1</sup> is H, a substituted or unsubstituted, branched or unbranched C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>20</sub>-alkyl or C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>20</sub>-cycloalkyl radical or a substituted or unsubstituted, branched or unbranched C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>20</sub>-alkenyl or C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>20</sub>-cycloalkenyl radical, the substituents being 1, 2, 3 or 4 radicals selected from the group consisting of halogen, aryl, aryl(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>20</sub>)alkyl, hetaryl, hetaryl(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>20</sub>)alkyl and C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>20</sub>-alkoxy,

R<sup>2</sup> and R<sup>3</sup> are independently H, a substituted or unsubstituted, branched or unbranched C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>20</sub>-alkyl or C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>20</sub>-cycloalkyl radical or a substituted or unsubstituted, branched or unbranched C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>20</sub>-alkenyl or C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>20</sub>-cycloalkenyl radical, the substituents being 1, 2, 3 or 4 radicals selected from the group consisting of halogen, hydroxyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkoxy, nitro, cyano, carboxyl, amino, sulfo,

aryl, aryl(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)alkyl, hetaryl, hetaryl(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkoxy, COOM, SO<sub>3</sub>M, SO<sub>2</sub>M and PO<sub>3</sub>M<sub>2</sub>, and

M is H, a univalent metal cation, NH<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup>, a secondary, tertiary or quaternary ammonium ion,

(C) 0.1% to 30% by weight of at least one polyethylene glycol alkyl ether of the formula (III)



wherein

R<sup>4</sup> is a substituted or unsubstituted, branched or unbranched C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>20</sub>-alkyl or C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>20</sub>-cycloalkyl radical or a substituted or unsubstituted, branched or unbranched C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>20</sub>-alkenyl or C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>20</sub>-cycloalkenyl radical, the substituents being 1, 2, 3 or 4 radicals selected from the group consisting of halogen, aryl, aryl(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>20</sub>)alkyl, C<sub>5</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-cycloalkyl, hetaryl, hetaryl(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>20</sub>)alkyl and C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>20</sub>-alkoxy,

n is from 1 to 100,

X is CH<sub>2</sub>COO<sup>-</sup>, SO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup>, SO<sub>2</sub><sup>-</sup> or PO<sub>3</sub>M<sup>-</sup>, and

M is H, a univalent metal cation, NH<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup>, a secondary, tertiary or quaternary ammonium ion, and

(D) 0% to 30% by weight of at least one alkoxyated styrene-phenol condensate,

(E) 0% to 30% by weight of at least one organic solvent,

(F) 0% to 30% by weight of at least one hydrotropic substance,

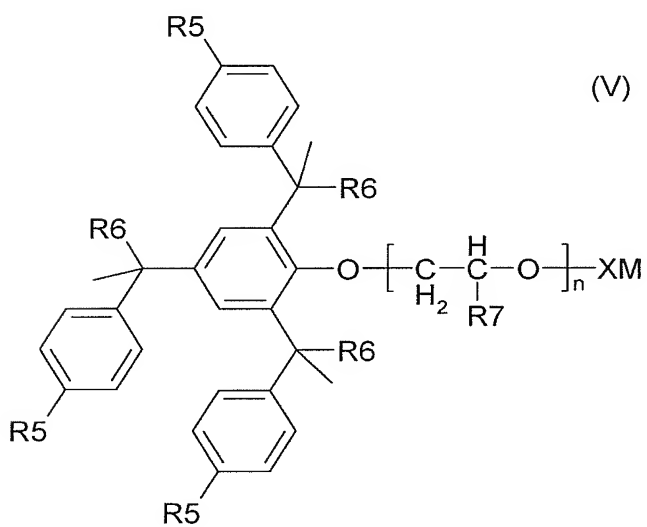
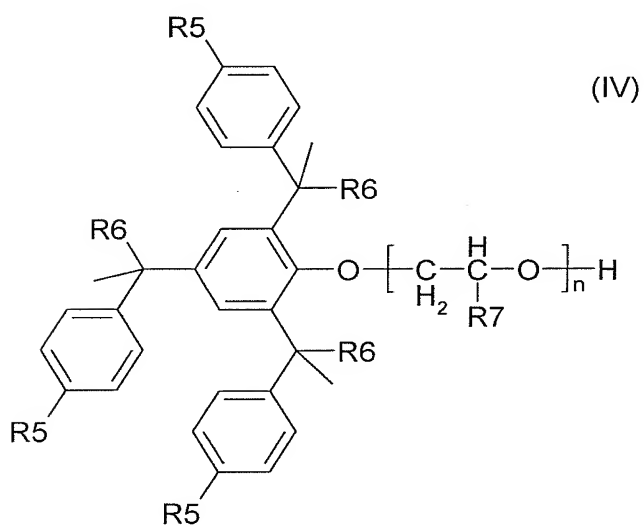
~~(G) 0% to 10% by weight of at least one additive, and~~

(HG) 10% to 90% by weight of deionized water,

all based on the total weight of the colorant preparation.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Previously Presented) The colorant preparation according to claim 1 wherein the at least one alkoxyated styrene-phenol condensate (D) is of the formula (IV), (V) or a mixture thereof



wherein

$R^5$  is H, a branched or unbranched  $C_1$ - $C_{20}$ -alkyl or  $C_3$ - $C_{20}$ -cycloalkyl radical or a branched or unbranched  $C_1$ - $C_{20}$ -alkenyl or  $C_3$ - $C_{20}$ -cycloalkenyl radical,

$R^6$  and  $R^7$  are independently H, a branched or unbranched  $C_1$ - $C_{20}$ -alkyl or  $C_3$ - $C_{20}$ -cycloalkyl radical or a branched or unbranched  $C_1$ - $C_{20}$ -alkenyl or  $C_3$ - $C_{20}$ -cycloalkenyl radical,

$n$  is from 1 to 100,

$X$  is  $CO-R_8-COO^-$ ,  $SO_3^-$ ,  $SO_2^-$  or  $PO_3M^-$ ,

$R^8$  is a substituted or unsubstituted, branched or unbranched  $C_1$ - $C_{20}$ -alkylene radical, a substituted, unsubstituted, branched or unbranched  $C_1$ - $C_{20}$ -alkenylene radical or a substituted or unsubstituted arylene radical, and

$M$  is H, a univalent metal cation,  $NH_4^+$ , a secondary, tertiary or quaternary ammonium ion.

4. (Previously Presented) The colorant preparation according to claim 1, wherein the at least one colorant is at least one organic colorant, wherein the at least one organic colorant is one or more organic pigments, one or more dyes, or a mixture thereof, wherein the one or more organic pigments are selected from the group consisting of monoazo, disazo, laked azo,  $\beta$ -naphthol, Naphthol AS, benzimidazolone, condensed disazo, azo, metal complex, phthalocyanine, quinacridone, perylene, perinone, thioindigo, anthanthrone, anthraquinone, flavanthrone, indanthrone, isoviolanthrone, pyranthrone, dioxazine, quinophthalone, isoindoline, isoindolinone diketopyrrolopyrrole pigments and carbon black, and wherein the one or more dyes are selected from the group consisting of an acid dye, direct dye, sulfur dye the leuco form of a sulfur dye, metal complex dye, reactive dye and a reaction product of a reactive dye with a nucleophile.

5. (Currently Amended) A process for producing a colorant preparation according to claim 1, comprising the steps of pasting up component (A) with components (B), (C), and optionally at least one of components (D), (E), or (F) ~~or~~ (G) in component ~~(H)~~ (G) to form a mixture, homogenizing the mixture and finely dispersing or finely dividing the mixture by a grinding or dispersing assembly.
6. (Previously Presented) A method of using a colorant preparation according to one claim 1, comprising the step of coloring a composition or article with the colorant preparation, wherein the composition or article is selected from the group consisting of printing inks, ink jet inks, electrophotographic toners, polymerization toners, power coatings, color filters, electronic inks, electronic paper, paints, emulsion paints, dispersion varnishes, printing inks, wallpaper colors, water-thinnable coating materials, wood preservation systems, viscose solution dyeing, varnishes, sausage casings, seed, glass bottles, roofing shingles, renders, woodstains, colored pencil leads, felt tip pens, artists' inks, pastes for ballpoint pens, chalks, laundering compositions, cleaning compositions, shoecare products, latex products, abrasives and plastics and macromolecular materials.
7. (Previously Presented) A printing ink set comprising a black printing ink, a cyan printing ink, a magenta printing ink, a yellow printing ink, optionally, an orange printing ink and optionally, a green printing ink, wherein at least one of the printing inks includes a colorant preparation according to claim 1.
8. (Previously Presented) The set of printing inks according to claim 7 wherein the colorant of the black printing ink is a carbon black.

9. (Previously Presented) The colorant preparation according to claim 1, comprising 15% to 30% by weight of the at least one organic colorant, inorganic colorant or mixture thereof.
10. (Previously Presented) The colorant preparation according to claim 3, wherein the substituents of R<sub>8</sub> are 1, 2, 3 or 4 radicals from the group consisting of halogen, hydroxyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkoxy, nitro, cyano, carboxyl, amino and sulfo.
11. (Cancelled)
12. (Previously Presented) The printing ink set according to claim 7, wherein the colorant of the cyan printing ink is a pigment selected from the group of the phthalocyanine, indanthrone and triarylcarbonium pigments.
13. (Previously Presented) The printing ink set according to claim 7, wherein the colorant of the magenta printing ink is a pigment selected from the group consisting of monoazo, disazo,  $\beta$ -naphthol, Naphthol AS, laked azo, metal complex, benzimidazolone, anthanthrone, anthraquinone, quinacridone, dioxazine, perylene, thioindigo, triarylcarbonium and diketopyrrolopyrrole pigments.
14. (Previously Presented) The printing ink set according to claim 7, wherein the colorant of the yellow printing ink is a pigment selected from the group consisting of monoazo, disazo, benzimidazoline, isoindolinone, isoindoline and perinone pigments
- 15 (Previously Presented) The printing ink set according to claim 7, wherein the colorant of the orange printing ink is a pigment selected from the group consisting of disazo,  $\beta$ -naphthol, Naphthol AS, benzimidazolone and perinone pigments.

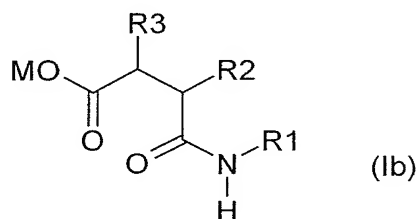
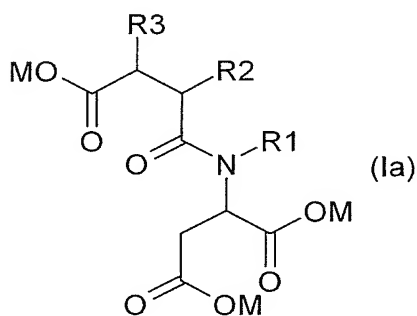
16. (Previously Presented) The printing ink set according to claim 7, wherein the colorant of the green colorant preparation is a phthalocyanine pigment.

17. (Previously Presented) The printing ink set according to claim 7, wherein at least one printing ink includes at least one organic dye selected from the group consisting of acid dyes, direct dyes, sulfur dyes and their leuco form, metal complex dyes and reactive dyes.

18. (New) A composition colored with an aqueous colorant composition, wherein the composition is selected from the group consisting of printing inks, ink jet inks, electrophotographic toners, polymerization toners, power coatings, electronic inks, paints, emulsion paints, dispersion varnishes, printing inks, wallpaper colors, water-thinnable coating materials, wood preservation systems, viscose solution dyeing, varnishes, seed, woodstains, artists' inks, pastes for ballpoint pens, chalks, laundering compositions, cleaning compositions, abrasives and macromolecular materials, and wherein the aqueous colorant preparation consists essentially of

(A) 0.1% to 50% by weight and of at least one colorant selected from the group consisting of an organic colorant, inorganic colorant or a mixture thereof,

(B) 0.1% to 30% by weight of at least one succinamate, wherein the at least one succinamate (B) is of the formula (Ia) or (Ib)



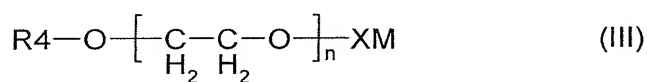
wherein

$R^1$  is H, a substituted or unsubstituted, branched or unbranched  $C_1$ - $C_{20}$ -alkyl or  $C_3$ - $C_{20}$ -cycloalkyl radical or a substituted or unsubstituted, branched or unbranched  $C_1$ - $C_{20}$ -alkenyl or  $C_3$ - $C_{20}$ -cycloalkenyl radical, the substituents being 1, 2, 3 or 4 radicals selected from the group consisting of halogen, aryl, aryl( $C_1$ - $C_{20}$ )alkyl, hetaryl, hetaryl( $C_1$ - $C_{20}$ )alkyl and  $C_1$ - $C_{20}$ -alkoxy,

$R^2$  and  $R^3$  are independently H, a substituted or unsubstituted, branched or unbranched  $C_1$ - $C_{20}$ -alkyl or  $C_3$ - $C_{20}$ -cycloalkyl radical or a substituted or unsubstituted, branched or unbranched  $C_1$ - $C_{20}$ -alkenyl or  $C_3$ - $C_{20}$ -cycloalkenyl radical, the substituents being 1, 2, 3 or 4 radicals selected from the group consisting of halogen, hydroxyl,  $C_1$ - $C_4$ -alkoxy, nitro, cyano, carboxyl, amino, sulfo, aryl, aryl( $C_1$ - $C_4$ )alkyl, hetaryl, hetaryl( $C_1$ - $C_4$ )alkyl,  $C_1$ - $C_4$ -alkoxy, COOM,  $SO_3M$ ,  $SO_2M$  and  $PO_3M_2$ , and

M is H, a univalent metal cation,  $NH_4^+$ , a secondary, tertiary or quaternary ammonium ion,

(C) 0.1% to 30% by weight of at least one polyethylene glycol alkyl ether of the formula (III)



wherein

$R^4$  is a substituted or unsubstituted, branched or unbranched  $C_1$ - $C_{20}$ -alkyl or  $C_3$ - $C_{20}$ -cycloalkyl radical or a substituted or unsubstituted, branched or unbranched  $C_1$ - $C_{20}$ -alkenyl or  $C_3$ - $C_{20}$ -cycloalkenyl radical, the substituents being 1, 2, 3 or 4 radicals selected from the group consisting of halogen, aryl, aryl( $C_1$ - $C_{20}$ )alkyl,  $C_5$ - $C_6$ -cycloalkyl, hetaryl, hetaryl( $C_1$ - $C_{20}$ )alkyl and  $C_1$ - $C_{20}$ -alkoxy,

n is from 1 to 100,



X is  $\text{CH}_2\text{COO}^-$ ,  $\text{SO}_3^-$ ,  $\text{SO}_2^-$  or  $\text{PO}_3\text{M}^-$ , and

M is H, a univalent metal cation,  $\text{NH}_4^+$ , a secondary, tertiary or quaternary ammonium ion, and

(D) 0% to 30% by weight of at least one alkoxyated styrene-phenol condensate,

(E) 0% to 30% by weight of at least one organic solvent,

(F) 0% to 30% by weight of at least one hydrotropic substance, and

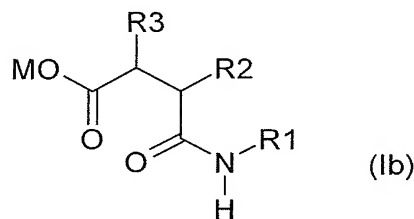
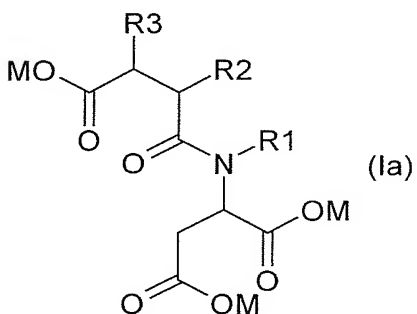
(G) 10% to 90% by weight of deionized water,

all based on the total weight of the colorant preparation.

19. (New) An article colored with an aqueous colorant composition, wherein the article is selected from the group consisting of color filters, electronic paper, sausage casings, seed, glass bottles, roofing shingles, renders, colored pencil leads, felt tip pens, chalks, shoecare products, latex products and plastics and wherein the aqueous colorant preparation consists essentially of

(A) 0.1% to 50% by weight and of at least one colorant selected from the group consisting of an organic colorant, inorganic colorant or a mixture thereof,

(B) 0.1% to 30% by weight of at least one succinamate, wherein the at least one succinamate (B) is of the formula (Ia) or (Ib)



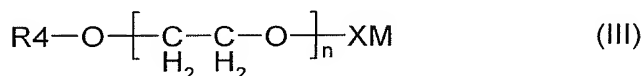
wherein

$R^1$  is H, a substituted or unsubstituted, branched or unbranched  $C_1$ - $C_{20}$ -alkyl or  $C_3$ - $C_{20}$ -cycloalkyl radical or a substituted or unsubstituted, branched or unbranched  $C_1$ - $C_{20}$ -alkenyl or  $C_3$ - $C_{20}$ -cycloalkenyl radical, the substituents being 1, 2, 3 or 4 radicals selected from the group consisting of halogen, aryl, aryl( $C_1$ - $C_{20}$ )alkyl, hetaryl, hetaryl( $C_1$ - $C_{20}$ )alkyl and  $C_1$ - $C_{20}$ -alkoxy,

$R^2$  and  $R^3$  are independently H, a substituted or unsubstituted, branched or unbranched  $C_1$ - $C_{20}$ -alkyl or  $C_3$ - $C_{20}$ -cycloalkyl radical or a substituted or unsubstituted, branched or unbranched  $C_1$ - $C_{20}$ -alkenyl or  $C_3$ - $C_{20}$ -cycloalkenyl radical, the substituents being 1, 2, 3 or 4 radicals selected from the group consisting of halogen, hydroxyl,  $C_1$ - $C_4$ -alkoxy, nitro, cyano, carboxyl, amino, sulfo, aryl, aryl( $C_1$ - $C_4$ )alkyl, hetaryl, hetaryl( $C_1$ - $C_4$ )alkyl,  $C_1$ - $C_4$ -alkoxy, COOM,  $SO_3M$ ,  $SO_2M$  and  $PO_3M_2$ , and

M is H, a univalent metal cation,  $NH_4^+$ , a secondary, tertiary or quaternary ammonium ion,

(C) 0.1% to 30% by weight of at least one polyethylene glycol alkyl ether of the formula (III)



wherein

$R^4$  is a substituted or unsubstituted, branched or unbranched  $C_1$ - $C_{20}$ -alkyl or  $C_3$ - $C_{20}$ -cycloalkyl radical or a substituted or unsubstituted, branched or unbranched  $C_1$ - $C_{20}$ -alkenyl or  $C_3$ - $C_{20}$ -cycloalkenyl radical, the substituents being 1, 2, 3 or 4 radicals selected from the group consisting of halogen, aryl, aryl( $C_1$ - $C_{20}$ )alkyl,  $C_5$ - $C_6$ -cycloalkyl, hetaryl, hetaryl( $C_1$ - $C_{20}$ )alkyl and  $C_1$ - $C_{20}$ -alkoxy,

n is from 1 to 100,

X is  $CH_2COO^-$ ,  $SO_3^-$ ,  $SO_2^-$  or  $PO_3M^-$ , and

M is H, a univalent metal cation,  $\text{NH}_4^+$ , a secondary, tertiary or quaternary ammonium ion,

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(E) 0% to 30% by weight of at least one organic solvent,

(F) 0% to 30% by weight of at least one hydrotropic substance, and

(G) 10% to 90% by weight of deionized water,

all based on the total weight of the colorant preparation.